

REMARKS

Applicants wish to clarify that claims 1 and 4-7 are under active consideration while claims 2, 3 and 8-16 have been canceled (see p. 4 of the Response filed January 20, 2002). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated July 26, 2005 are respectfully requested. A separate petition for a 2-month extension of time accompanies this amendment.

I. **Amendments**

Claim 1 is amended to state the added peptidic sequence is SEQ ID NO:4. Support for this amendment may be found in the claims as originally filed, as well as Figures 1-5, and Table 1 at page 16 of the Specification. Applicants assert that no new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

II. **Interview Summary in accord with MPEP § 713.04**

Applicants thank the Examiner and her Supervisor for granting a telephonic interview regarding the above-referenced application on November 22, 2005. The participants were Examiner DiBrino (USPTO), and Gina Freschi (Applicants' representative). This written summary is submitted in accordance with MPEP §713.04.

1. No exhibits were shown or discussed.
2. Filing a request for continued examination ("RCE") was generally discussed.
3. Requirements for overcoming the outstanding obviousness rejection were generally discussed as well as the nature of the rejection.
4. The election of species was generally discussed.
5. An agreement was not reached.

III. **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4300.

Respectfully submitted,

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